

The Chairman, Leonard Bertin, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm
Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Present:

L. Bertin, member
C. Buchanan, member
A. Done, member
K. Gauri, member
D. House, member
N. Johnson, member
D. Kuschinsky, member
P. Manetta, alternate
D. Pietron, member
J. Rodgers, member

Also

Present: M. Grusnick, staff
M. McGinnis, staff

Absent: S. Burt, alternate J. Shah, alternate
N. Raheb, student

The absent members were excused.

ITEM B – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF December 4, 2002

Kuschinsky moved to approve the Minutes of December 4, 2002. Supported by Rodgers. All voted in favor.

ITEM C – VISITORS, DELEGATIONS AND GENERAL PUBLIC

ITEM D - REGULAR BUSINESS

Bertin requested the format of the Agenda be changed, placing New Business directly after Old Business. McGinnis will change format of Agenda.

Volunteers to attend City Council Meetings were as follows:

February 17, 2003	Leonard Bertin
March 3, 2003	Dorothy Pietron

ITEM E – OLD BUSINESS

In the discussion of the Disabilities Referral and Information Fair, Johnson suggested the name should be changed to Referral and Information Fair for Persons with Disabilities, the Committee members agreed to make the change in all material pertaining to the fair.

Bertin presented a draft of a letter to be sent to all organizations interested in having a booth at the fair and asked the Committee to read for their comments. The fair will be held on Thursday evening, of Troy Daze, September 11, 2003.

Bertin suggested that the Committee for Persons with Disabilities also have a booth at the Fair on Thursday evening.

The wheeling and hand cycling race will not happen at Troy Daze this year. The Troy Police Department is not able to provide personnel to assist with this race as they are already spread to thin with Troy Daze. They seem receptive about a race at some other time, maybe in the spring.

Done presented a list of organizations that she has contacted about procuring a booth at the Referral and Information Fair at Troy Daze.

The Committee for Persons with Disabilities and the Senior Citizens Committee had requested a joint meeting with members of City Council to discuss their concerns of the new Community Center. Bertin was contacted for a meeting on December 30th, 2002 and was asked to bring another member of this Committee. Eisenbacker and Broomfield from City Council attended the meeting. The Minutes of this meeting were sent to each member of this Committee with the February Agenda. City Council agreed to put designated senior parking signage in the back of the Community Center, and this has been accomplished. Bertin thought the meeting went well, and that City Council members were open to dialog.

ITEM F - NEW BUSINESS

A discussion was held on the Common Disability Agenda that will be held in Lansing on March 13, 2003. Bertin and Buchanan will attend an organizational meeting on February 22, 2003 for the MS Society and will have follow up information at the next meeting.

ITEM G – INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

On April 3, 2003 at 2 pm the City Parks and Recreation Department will have a meeting with the Park Designer. This should include pavilions, accessory buildings and bathrooms at the City Parks. Bertin asked for members of the Committee to attend this meeting.

Bertin passed around a sheet for members to sign if they were available during the day to attend meetings.

ITEM H - ADJOURN

Rodgers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Pietron seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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